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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the rejection as issued in the Office action, dated September 12, 2001, in the above-identified application, please amend this application as indicated below and consider the remarks following thereafter.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute and enter the following clean versions of each of the following rewritten replacement claims 1 and 2 for the respective pending claims of the same numbers. Versions of these rewritten claims, with bracketing and underlining to show the changes, appear at the end of the REMARKS section below.

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